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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir,

This Response is filed in reply to the Office Action mailed 11 May 2004 (Paper No. 5).  
This response is filed within the one month shortened statutory period. Applicants therefore  
believe this response is timely filed and no fees are due. In the event any fees are due, please  
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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include both an attached  
replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 7 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: